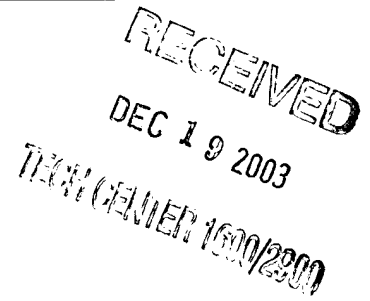


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for responding to the Office Action of July 17, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application to and including December 17, 2003. A check in the amount of \$210.00 is attached herewith to cover the two month extension of time fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). It is believed that no additional fees are necessary with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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